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Donald E. Campbell, Esq. Federal Election Commission Office of the General Counsel 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 5155, Friends for a Democratic White House PAC & Jerome Dewald, Individually

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Our firm has recently been retained to represent the above-referenced persons in MUR 5155. A Designation of Counsel statement was filed with the Commission on January 12, 2001.

I am in receipt of a letter dated November 27, 2000 addressed to Mr. J. Dewald, care of Friends for a Democratic White House ("FDWH") transmitting a copy of a Complaint filed by Gore 2000, Inc. and identified by the Commission as MUR 5155. In addition, I am in possession of a letter dated December 12, 2000 also addressed to J. Dewald, care of FDWH transmitting an amendment to the Complaint ("Amendment") setting forth new allegations against the same two parties.

The fact that our firm has just been brought into this matter, I would request that the response to be filed in answer to the Complaint be filed with your office no later than February 2, 2001. Due to the fact that collateral issues presently being reviewed by other, government agencies are required to be addressed, this time period requested is necessary in order to conduct the necessary review of the legal and factual matters in addition to coordination with other legal counsel.



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I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours, Sullivan & Mitchell

Paul E. Sullivan, Esq.

For the firm

cc: Jerome Dewald